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TURKEY: Multilateral Aid

Representatives of the US, UK, France, and West Germany meet in Bonn today to discuss procedures for aid to help solve Turkey's economic crisis, which threatens the stability of NATO's southern flank. The four want aid to be part of a broad program under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development leading to medium-term stabilization of the Turkish economy. Turkey has in the past stoutly resisted conditions sought by the International Monetary Fund designed to accomplish this objective.

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The West Germans clearly are anxious to get an economic assistance program under way quickly. According to a senior official in the Economics Ministry, Bonn is prepared to "shoulder a heavy burden" in an international rescue operation. The West Germans visualize a phased approach under OECD auspices--immediate assistance, an OECD study of the Turkish economic situation, and finally a medium-term stabilization program.

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French concerns about the Middle East will probably lead Paris to participate in a rescue operation, although France will want to keep a low profile because of its close ties with Greece. The French have traditionally opposed an expanded OECD political role and may encourage coordination with the IMF.

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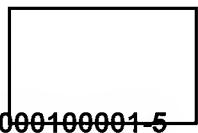
The British see the Bonn meeting as an initial step in assisting Turkey and have few proposals about how the problem should be approached. London is convinced that the West Germans should take the lead and that Japan and Saudi Arabia should be encouraged to join.

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The Turkish attitude remains in question. Prime Minister Ecevit hinted at greater flexibility in a speech to his party's parliamentary group on Tuesday, but this may have been designed to loosen purse strings in Bonn today.



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LEBANON: Movement of Army Teams

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Twelve additional Lebanese Army personnel moved to UNIFIL positions in southern Lebanon yesterday [redacted]

[redacted] Little more than a week ago six two-man Army liaison teams were sent to UNIFIL's battalion headquarters to establish a symbolic Lebanese Government presence in the south before the expiration this week of the UN peacekeeping force's mandate. [redacted]

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The original Lebanese plan for a second stage called for the deployment of a slightly larger Army contingent that would be transported by Lebanese Army vehicles, rather than by UN helicopters. This was opposed by the Israelis. [redacted]

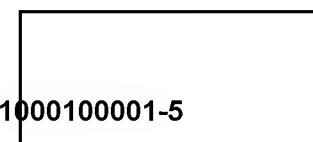
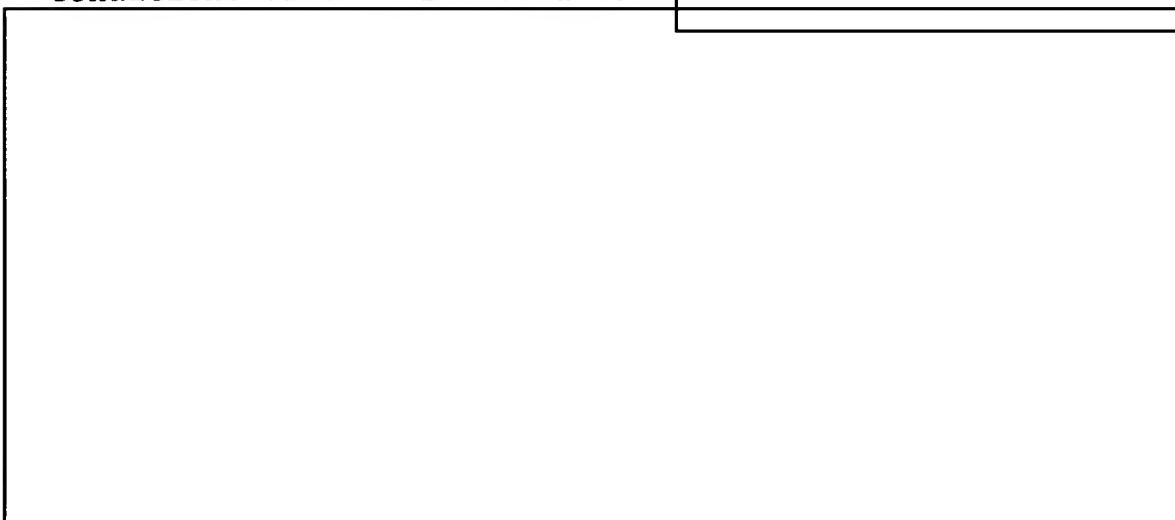
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Nonetheless, Beirut's latest move will lend further credence to its claims that it is attempting to meet the conditions of UNIFIL's mandate. [redacted]

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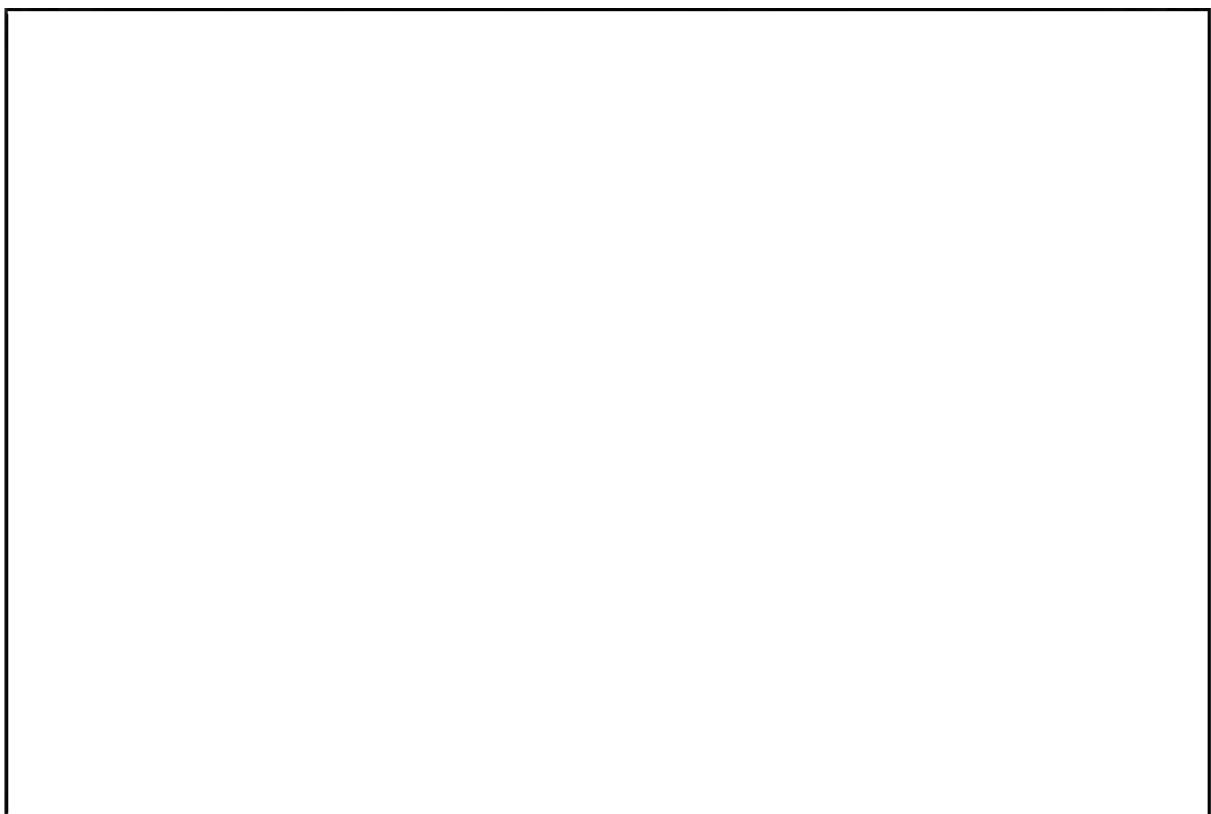


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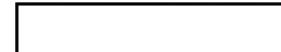
Yugoslavia-Cuba

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Vrhovec, in a speech last night at a dinner for Cuban Foreign Minister Malmierca, condemned any foreign interference in other nations' affairs and specifically referred to "hegemony," a Yugoslav codeword for Soviet domination of other countries. According to the press, Malmierca's text focused entirely on positive references to the unity and influence of the nonaligned movement.



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COMMENT: Cuba and the USSR publicly support the new regime in Phnom Penh, while the Yugoslavs have denounced the Vietnamese move into Kampuchea. Malmierca is on the first leg of a trip to several nonaligned states to make preparations for the nonaligned summit in Havana in September. Vrhovec's remarks indicate that the events in Kampuchea already have become a divisive issue in nonaligned circles.



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Poland

The US Embassy doubts that the 8-percent increase in the price of gasoline will have any real impact on gasoline consumption in Poland, where the automobile remains a status symbol. The government, for political reasons, is unable to boost the price to a level that would cut back consumption. The Embassy notes the persistent rumors that the government is preparing plans to ration gasoline. It also gives credence to the official explanation for the price increase--that it is a response to the recent OPEC decision to raise the world market price of oil. The Embassy comments that Soviet oil deliveries to Poland are expected to remain fixed over the next several years and that Poland thus must obtain an increasing proportion of its oil from OPEC states to meet increasing industrial and consumer demands.



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